

Anoka Technical College Foundation Crisis Grant Guidelines



The Anoka Technical College crisis grant program was developed to support students in a financial crisis by providing short-term assistance with essential needs. This fund is made possible by donations from private donors, college faculty and staff, community partners, and students.

- Crisis grants are provided to assist students experiencing an unforeseen financial crisis where their ability to attend and participate in school is affected. Examples of a financial crisis include transportation or housing issues, unmet basic needs, or outstanding essential bills. Crisis grants are for non-academic expenses only and cannot be used for tuition, academic supplies, or books.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled in 6 or more credits. Crisis grant funding is only available during the academic term and funding cannot be provided during breaks between academic terms. Applications may not be reviewed until after the fifth business day of the term (after the college add/drop period). ATC staff will verify an applicant's enrollment status, academic standing and financial aid package as part of the review process.
- Applicants are highly encouraged to explore alternative funding and access community and county services before seeking a crisis grant. Applicants who have not accessed available financial aid loans, explored alternative funding options, or met satisfactory academic progress standards may have limited crisis grant eligibility. Larger awards may be reserved for students who have demonstrated academic success and are nearing graduation.
- A typical crisis grant award is around \$300, but in some extreme cases a higher amount may be considered. Students may be able to apply for a crisis grant more than once, but there is a limit to the total amount of crisis grant funding that a student can receive during their time as an ATC student. Due to limited funds, first time crisis grant applicants may have priority over returning applicants.
- For students that have direct deposit for financial aid set up, approved crisis grant funds will be delivered to the bank account on file in 1-2 business days. The deposit source will be listed as "Anoka Technical Financial Aid". If an applicant does not have direct deposit set up, approved funds will be delivered via check. To speed up the delivery of funds, it is recommended that applicants set up direct deposit in their eServices account as soon as possible.
- Applicants will meet with any of the ATC staff listed below to discuss their situation. During this conversation, students can receive assistance with the application process and explore additional community resources that may lead to more long-term financial stability.

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